

Neighborhood Plan Update Workshop with Members of the Youth Community

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Meeting held at Cleveland High School

Question: What is the most important housing issue to address or solve in your neighborhood?

- Less housing so close together.
- People might be built of things and taking people out of houses.
- location and congestion
- Killing each other from our neighborhood
- Healing cultural differences and bridging the gap. Pushing families out of their neighborhoods.
- Price to buy housing is rising badly.
- Gang-related activity around the neighborhood. Also, the rent is too high.
- Domestic disturbances.
- Gang banging. The rent. Also, the people who fight for no reason.
- Cultural differences.
- Father figures not present.
- Smoking in public. Drunk people shouting.
- They are moving everyone out of the neighborhood to housing South. Homes without fathers.
- Lots of pests living n our home and cultural differences.
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- Cultural differences. Theft and gang violence.
- The most important issue is violence, gangs and stealing.
- Cultural gaps.
- Neighborhood interaction.
- The important thing is they are raising home prices and getting a lot of Black people out of a lot of areas.
- We have to help the homeless and bridge the gap between the cultural differences.
- Bridging the gaps, healing and cultural differences.
- The rent. The link rail is right next to my house.
- Price. We need to come together as a people/community.

Question: Who would be affected most by rising rents and home prices? Who should be trying to help from being displaced as new development follows light rail opening?

- The poorer families. The lower income families because they are not going to be able to afford their homes if rent goes up.
- I think that it should be for people and kids to be in activities and have jobs.
- Working-class people (which in the inner/urban city is 90%). The working class who is consuming the city should be trying to make a change because they bring change.
- The lower income people and it will make me feel bad too.
- Low income families.

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- Government should help. African Americans and students. Resources for homeless.
- Low income families. The light rail program organizers should help because it was their idea.
- Low income families. Government and myself.
- Old People.
- Resources for people in need. My family bills.
- Youth. Large families.
- The Central Area & South Seattle.
- We can't afford to pay rent/mortgage.
- The families. The government.
- The lower class people.
- Everyone. Everyone in the community.
- The civilians; people in the community.
- Families; Government.
- The people that live in those houses are affected. And the students they needed home to live in. The government needs to help.
- Anyone could be affected. The people putting thousands of dollars in projects should be doing other things to better help the communities.
- I'm not informed on the light rail but I think that it will affect everyone really.
- Places where there is a lot of vandalism and they have to help pay for damages.
- People living in housing developments because most people live there for less rent.
- The middle class and Black people. Resources for homeless people. Everyone needs a roof over their head.

Question: What types of goods, services, and employment would you like to see near the transit stations, in your local business districts and accessible to the community?

- Skate park. A place where skaters and bikers can buy parts for their bikes and boards.
- I would want more teen employment--more places where almost all teens can work.
- I'd like more basketball courts.
- Just more skills from people or more cell phone servers around.
- More jobs. Car dealers, clothing stores, fitness gyms and parks.
- Hotlines for youth; more hands on programs; community center for teenagers; accounting classes and activities more than sports; speak out as youth to youth advisors.
- I don't want to walk 2 miles to find a job. Less family-run mini marts.
- Better employment opportunities for teenagers that fit in our schedules. We have summer school and other programs we are in but we also want/need jobs.
- Markets and more jobs.
- More youth groups or programs to help out teens overcome their obstacles.
- More jobs for youth in the community besides fast food and grocery stores.
- They should have more employment opportunities.
- Good jobs and stores.

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- More jobs and activities.
- Jobs that are accessible. Jobs that teens are capable and reachable for teens in the community.
- People patrolling or securities for safety.
- Youth programs and community centers.
- Jobs for the youth that don't have stable homes and records. We need more interactive and hands on programs.
- Someplace safe for people to work. We eventually need some more inner-city places to work, too. Nothing boring.
- Moms modeling.
- Cleaning trash on the sidewalks and doing food bank services for the homeless and low class people.
- More corner stores. And also more clothing stores in the south end. Everything is so far from us.
- There needs to be more jobs for us. We need money because times are hard. I can do just about anything an adult can. That's how I feel.

Question: How do you use the parks and community centers in the city and what parks do you go to? If you don't go to city parks, what change would you want to use the parks more?

- The only park that I go to is Renton Skate Park. I go to only one community center and that is Rainier Beach. The change I would do at Renton skate park is make better restrooms.
- More parks with all types of toys. Also more community centers, Community centers that actually care with workers that want to help kids. More concession stands; New Bathrooms that are always open. Free day camps.
- I would like to make more houses and more basketball concessions stands, bathrooms, free lunch.
- More security involved in the parks; there is too much vandalized property.
- More organizations in/near parks; more less sports related activities around neighborhoods.
- I use city parks for BBQ hang with my family play basketball, people who love about the community.
- Rainier, clubs and parks.
- To make it more accessible with more recreation pools.
- Play pool, hoop...do whatever is provided.
- We need more parks and security.
- Make stuff for us.
- Better equipment, new things.
- Walking, hanging out.
- Hoops.
- Play basketball; we need nets.
- Not enough swimming pools in the community for youth.
- Don't go really.

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- More community events
- Don't go to parks anymore; My cousins hang out there.
- Safer parks for women and children and older people.
- More teen center in our community.
- Don't go no more. Some are dangerous.
- I use the parks a little. No swings allowed.

Question: What services are important to you as your neighborhood grows? What importance does this growth provide?

- Transportation
- Entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship, more healthy positive programs for girls and boys.
- Bus. Management classes.
- Transportation
- C.C.S.
- That originality stays here and my school.
- Make stuff for us.
- Our own business.
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- Jobs
- I think that there should be more services for the youth because we are the ones that are going to be most leaders of the community
- Don't know. I guess.
- Crime preventions
- Providing jobs for us.
- Schools like Renton Vocational would help but closer to the area.
- Jobs for youth in the community
- For single parents and kids.
- Taking care of us with summer jobs and jobs for the future.
- The services for youth in the community.
- More teen services; better schools; more low income things; programs to help assist with rent/bills; apprenticeship programs for the youth; housing and workforce.